

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 20 and ending at line 21, as follows.

--Figs. 6A and 6B are views illustrating another constructions of aligning portion units, respectively;--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 23 and ending at page 10, line 8, as follows.

--Reference numerals 6a and 6b designate rotary members which constitute the aligning portion unit and rotate in the sheet feeding direction to align ends of the documents 13. When the rotary members 6a and 6b rotate, portions thereof project from the document supporting surface 2C. Due to such rotations of the rotary members 6a and 6b accompanied with intermittent projections of portions thereof from the document supporting surface 2C, the documents 13 put on the document supporting surface 2C can be dropped after lifted, and the documents 13 can be moved toward the document hitting portion 2B to hit their leading edges against the document hitting portion 2B.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 19 and ending at page 19, line 3, as follows.

--Furthermore, in the above-discussed structure, square-shaped rotary members 6a and 6b with four corners are used as the aligning portion unit that repeats projection and retraction from the document supporting surface 2C, but the rotary member is not limited thereto.

The shape or profile of the rotary member 6 can be an eccentric cylinder as illustrated in Fig. 5A, or a cam shape as illustrated in Fig. 5B. The above-discussed appropriate height position and slope direction of the bundle of documents can be finely set by using the rotary members with those shapes.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 4 and ending at line 16, as follows.

--Further, the aligning portion unit is not limited to the above-discussed rotary member 6. The following aligning portion unit can also be used. One example includes a cam member 6A and a vibrating member 6B as illustrated in Fig. 6A, and the vibrating member 6B is adapted to repeat projection and retraction from the document supporting surface 2C according to the profile of the cam member 6A. Another example includes a cam member 6A and a vibrating member 6C as illustrated in Fig. 6B, and the vibrating member 6C is adapted to repeat slant-moving projection and retraction from the document supporting surface 2C according to the profile of the cam member 6A.--